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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Inspection, Lexco, Inc.; ITM Mine, S/047/035; Uintah County; Utah

Date of Inspection: May 23, 2003
Time of Inspection: About 4:15 to 4:40 p.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 80's
Participants: Paul Baker (DOGM)

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator reclaimed the site last year, and I wanted to see how well the mine was graded and how vegetation was progressing.

Observations:

The first hundred yards or so of the road was not reclaimed. There is a monitoring well at the end of this section of road (Photo 1).

The road appears to have been ripped and seeded (Photo 2), and there were some seedlings growing (Photo 3). It is impossible to tell at this time how successful revegetation will be.

Photo 4 shows the mine area and, in the distance, the road. I am not familiar with the history of this site and whether any topsoil was salvaged, but it did not appear soil was spread over most of the mine area. Possibly because of this, I saw very few seedlings in this area.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The portion of the road that was not reclaimed appears to have been built for access to the well, and it was there before the mine was built according to the operator, Jim Lekas. He reclaimed the portion of the road that was built for the mine. I felt the grading was done well and that the disturbed areas blend with surrounding areas.

The operator and the Division will want to monitor vegetation as it grows. Although I have some doubts about how much vegetation will become established in the mine area, I do not yet recommend remedial action.

jb

cc: Will Stokes, SITLA
Jim Lekas, Operator

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Photographs

S/047/035, ITM Mine, Lexco, Inc.



Photo 1. This is a monitoring well at the end of the unreclaimed section of road.

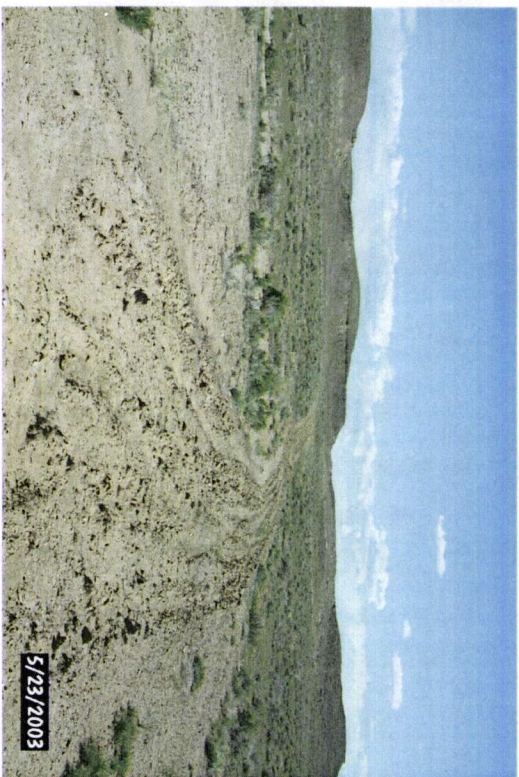


Photo 2. The reclaimed road.



Photo 3. Seedlings growing in rips in the road.

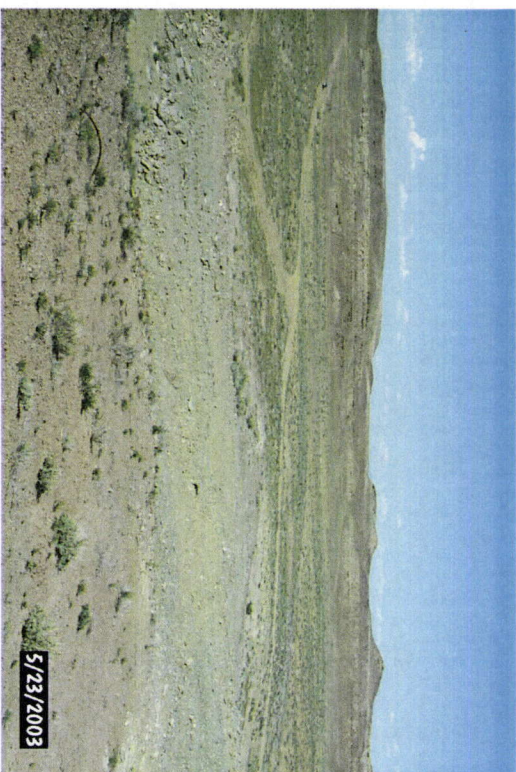


Photo 4. The center of this photo shows the mine site, and one can see the reclaimed road in the distance.